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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7285**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 481

**NOTE PREPARED:** Mar 23, 2009

**BILL AMENDED:** Mar 19, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Electronic Birth and Death Registration.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Mishler

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Rep. Welch

**BILL STATUS:** As Passed House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires the State Department of Health (SDH) to develop and implement on January 1, 2011 electronic birth and death registration systems to be used to record birth and death information. The bill specifies the time frames for submitting the records.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2009.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill requires ISDH to develop and implement electronic birth and death registration systems to be used in the state to record birth, and death information. The bill will also require county health officers, funeral directors, and physicians to use the electronic death recording system.

ISDH reports that the implementation of a statewide electronic birth and death registration can potentially reduce administrative costs by \$115,000 annually. The date of full implementation for electronic birth and death registration system is January 1, 2011. Therefore, for FY 2011, it is expected that the implementation of a statewide electronic birth and death registry will result in savings of approximately \$57,500.

**Background Information:** ISDH reports that currently ISDH Vital Records utilizes electronic birth and death systems where counties report births and deaths electronically. The electronic birth recording system is fully deployed, and births are registered electronically from the hospitals/birth centers, to counties, and then on to ISDH.

The electronic death recording system is not yet fully deployed and used uniformly across the state. When ISDH receives physical copies of birth and death information, staff are utilized to input this information into

the electronic record system. By requiring all birth and death records to be transmitted electronically, ISDH will no longer be required to input birth and death information into the electronic database.

Currently, only the state and counties can enter data into the system currently. ISDH reports that by June of 2009 they intend to roll out the electronic death recording system to funeral directors and physicians for complete automation. This bill will require funeral directors and physicians to use the electronic death recording system.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** (Revised) The bill requires local health officers to retain copies of death certificates. This provision will have no additional fiscal impact as local health officials currently maintain copies of death certificates.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** ISDH.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

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